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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE INTERROGATORY TO OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE WITNESS CALLOW (USPS/OCA-T500-29)

Pursuant to rules 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and rule 2 of the Special Rules of Practice, the United States Postal Service directs the following interrogatory to Office of the Consumer Advocate witness Callow: USPS/OCA-T500-29.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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USPS/OCA-T500-29. Please refer to your testimony at page 48, lines 8 to

10.

(a) Please confirm that in FY 1996, only 0.329 percent of all weighted

tallies for cost segment 3 post office box and caller service costs

were mailhandler tallies, while 99.671 percent were clerk tallies.

If you do not confirm, please explain why not.

(b) Please confirm that, using these percentages, one would estimate

volume-variable mailhandler costs to be \$235,000, or 0.329 percent of

Cost Segment 3 volume-variable post office box and caller service

costs of \$71,527,000.

(c) Do you believe that this \$235,000 estimate or the \$12,039,000

estimate in your testimony is a better estimate for mailhandler costs

for post office box and caller service? Please explain your

reasoning.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all

participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of

Practice.

David H. Rubin

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